

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION  
AUGUST 14, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

**Present:**

Nancy Berry, Mayor

**Council:**

Blanche Brick, arrived after roll call  
Steve Aldrich  
Karl Mooney  
John Nichols  
Julie Schultz  
James Benham, via remote, after roll call

**City Staff:**

Kelly Templin, City Manager  
Carla Robinson, City Attorney  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary  
Ian Whittenton, Records Management Coordinator

**1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum present, the Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Berry at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840.

**2. Executive Session**

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney; §551.072-Real Estate; §551.087-Personnel; and §551.087-Economic Incentive Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:

- College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023.

- Patricia Kahlden, individ. and as rep. of the Estate of Lillie May Williams Bayless v. Laura Sue Streigler, City of College Station and James Steven Elkins, No. 11-003172-CV-272, in the 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, TX
- Cause No. 13-002978-CV-361, Deluxe Burger Bar of College Station, Inc. D/B/A Café Eccell v. Asset Plus Realty Corporation, City of College Station, Texas and the Research Valley Partnership, Inc., In the 361<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas
- Margaret L. Cannon v. Deputy Melvin Bowser, Officer Bobby Williams, Officer Tristan Lopez, Mr. Mike Formicella, Ms. Connie Spence, Cause No. 13 002189 CV 272, In the 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- Bobby Trant v. BVSWM, Inc., Cause No. 33014, In the District Court, Grimes County, Texas, 12th Judicial District

B. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal advice regarding acquisition of property located generally northwest of the intersection of Rock Prairie Road and State Highway 6.

C. Deliberation on the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; to wit:

- Property located generally northwest of the intersection of Rock Prairie Road and State Highway 6 in College Station, Texas

D. Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer; to wit:

- Council Self-evaluation

E. Deliberation on economic development negotiations regarding an offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect; to wit:

- Economic Incentives related to a proposed community wide private fiber optic broadband network

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

### **3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.**

No action was required from Executive Session.

### **4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.**

Item 2e was pulled for clarification.

(2e): Chris Jarmon, Assistant to the City Manager, clarified that the Committee will develop the methodology for the prioritization process.

### **5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding proposed changes to the City's smoking ordinance.**



Chris Jarmon, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that staff is recommending that e-cigarettes be regulated under the City's smoking ordinance, with these three (3) limitations on the use of e-cigarettes:

1. E-cigarettes cannot be sold to minors;
2. Minors cannot be in possession of e-cigarettes; and
3. E-cigarettes are prohibited in the same places where tobacco cigarettes are prohibited.

**6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2015 BVSWMA, Inc. Proposed Budget.**

Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, introduced Bryan Griesbach, Executive Director of BVSWMA, who reported that the BVSWMA, Inc. proposed budget was considered and approved by the BVSWMA, Inc. Board of Directors on July 16, 2015. The FY2015 BVSWMA, Inc. Proposed Budget Revenue is \$7,195,750 and the Total Expenses are \$8,112,369.

**7. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget.**

Jeff Kersten, Assistant City Manager, presented an overview of the City of College Station FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$253,041,517. The effective tax rate is 41.4996 cents per \$100 valuation, and the rollback rate is 45.2987 cents. The proposed rate is 45.25 cents for an increase of 2.6542 cents over last year's tax rate, providing an addition \$1.6 million in revenue. The calendar for the budget process includes public hearings on September 3 and 11. Adoption of the Budget is scheduled for September 22. According to the charter, final action on the Proposed Budget must take place on or before September 27. Budget workshop meetings are scheduled for August 18th, August 19th, and August 20th to review the proposed budget, and the key budget decision points.

**8. Council Calendar**

Council reviewed the calendar.

**9. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: a Councilmember may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.**

There were no future agenda items.

**10. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Bio-Corridor Board of Adjustments, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Budget and Finance Committee, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Economic Development Committee, Gigabit Broadband Initiative, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding**

Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Research Valley Technology Council, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Berry reported on the COG.

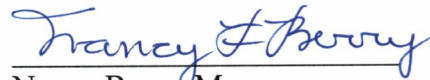
Councilmember Schultz reported on the RVP.

Councilmember Aldrich reported on the Arts Council.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Brazos County Health Department.

#### 11. Adjournment

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:58 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary